

**REMARKS**

The present amendment is prepared in accordance with the new revised requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A complete listing of all the claims in the application is shown above showing the status of each claim. For current amendments, inserted material is underlined and deleted material has a line therethrough.

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

This amendment is being filed together with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and the claims are being amended to conform to the Board's DECISION ON APPEAL and the Board's decision on the REQUEST FOR REHEARING.

Claims 23-58 80-155 have been canceled. The claims remaining in the application are 116-135.

Claims 121, 122, and 123 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claim 121 has been amended to redefine the Markush group language and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now proper under 35 USC 112.

Claims 134 and 135 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph and these claims have been canceled.

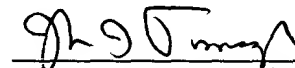
Claims 116, 117, 124-132, 134 and 135 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The Board did not sustain the Examiner's rejection to these

claims and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now properly allowable under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

These claims also stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,008,296. Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has now been overcome.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner not find the claims to be allowable, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned to clarify any issue and/or to place the case in condition for allowance.

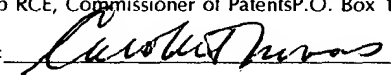
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